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FEMA Seeks Leaders for Youth Preparedness Council, Application Period Open

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for members to join their Youth Preparedness Council, a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness.

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, brings together youth leaders interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities by completing disaster preparedness projects nationally and locally. Over the course of a one-year term, council members will collaborate virtually and represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and share information with their communities. They also meet with FEMA on a regular basis to provide ongoing input strategies, initiatives, and projects throughout the duration of their term.

Guam was previously represented with a council member for the region from 2016-2017. Youth across the Nation have the opportunity to make a difference and transform the resilience and preparedness of their communities and beyond. Each applicant must be a current 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, who have either:

- Participated in community activities;
- Served in a leadership role;
- Lived through a disaster and shared their experiences; and/or
- Participated in a preparedness activity or training related to emergency preparedness.

To submit an application, visit the application website at https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/apply-to-ypc?language=en_US.

The application period closes March 6, 2023 (PST).

For more information, visit the Youth Preparedness Council website at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/youth-preparedness-council>.

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